

SARA II QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

April 1 – June 30, 2000

This report covers the third quarter of FY 2000, namely, the period April 1 through June 30, 2000. It follows the initial SARA work plan (February 2000 version) for the period September 30, 1999 – September 30, 2000.

SARA II is a service project. As such, it is responsive to the Africa region's needs, and USAID and REDSO requests channeled through AFR/SD/HRD, so additional activities may gain priority from time to time as discussed in the Work Plan.

Activities as found in the work plan are listed in bold.

SO 6: Adopt policies and strategies for increased sustainability, efficiency and equity of basic education services

1. Assist the AFR/SD SO 6 team

- **Participate in SO 6 core team meetings;**
- **Assist in the development of the analytic agenda;**
- **Assist team in R4 and other M&E activities;**
- **Assist team with dissemination and advocacy strategies.**

Expected Outputs:

- Weekly team meetings attended
- Analytic agenda revised
- Results packages updated
- Dissemination and advocacy strategies plan for each activity

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux, SARA Basic Education Advisor, spent many hours each week meeting with the AFR/SD/HR education team.

2. Support ERNWACA in the areas of;

- **Research**
 - **Review and publish national research studies with committee**
 - **Support national chapters in the development of grants research**
- **Advocacy and dissemination:**
 - **Disseminate national reports;**
 - **Conduct advocacy workshop for Anglophone chapters;**
 - **Disseminate information on ERNWACA**
- **Leadership**
 - **Develop fundraising capacity for leadership, advocacy and research**
 - **Assist in establishing scientific committee**
 - **Assist in establishing board of directors.**

Expected Outputs:

- Review committee established
- Research studies produced and disseminated
- Small grant research projects conducted
- Findings available to policy-makers and researchers
- Ghana, Gambia chapters trained in advocacy
- Information disseminated to ed. networks and universities
- Coordinator recruited
- Funds raised by chapters
- Additional donors mobilized
- Scientific committee in place
- Bd. Of Directors in place

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The Anglophone advocacy workshop was held in Ghana in June and attended by ERNWACA representatives from Cameroon, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and the Gambia. In addition, other Ghanaian stakeholders were invited to attend. Altogether, there were 30 participants from 5 countries, including a sizeable contingent from Ghana, plus 2 resource people from Mali and Senegal. Reports indicate that the workshop was successful and the participants are motivated to start working in their own countries. William Rideout attended for AFR/SD/HR, although he was funded by sources other than SARA.

Plans progressed to finalize the ERNWACA transnational study reports. A summary document is being developed and will be finalized, printed and disseminated in the last quarter of FY00. A CTO letter is being prepared for printing and distribution of the full reports in a book format.

3. Support ADEA working group

- **Participate in ADEA teacher working group meetings**

Expected Outputs:

- Report on proceedings

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

4. Explore partnerships with US universities and donor organizations

- **Participate in CIES, AS, EFA conferences, etc.**

Expected Outputs:

- Contacts established

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

5. Share experiences and lessons learned on FQL model

- **Organize and implement preliminary country teams meeting**
- **Assist in production of lessons learned paper and presentation**
- **Disseminate lessons learned to policy-makers and follow-up**

Expected Outputs:

- Preliminary multi-country meeting organized and implemented
- Lessons learned paper produced and disseminated
- Presentations made to policy makers

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

6. Provide knowledge and guidance on role and responsibilities of NGOs in education as part of the SD/Ed Analytic Agenda

- **Conduct research in selected countries on the new NGO role in basic education through small grants**
- **Disseminate to missions, policy-makers, NGOs**
- **Prepare for consultative meeting**

Expected Outputs:

- Research/issue identification paper produced
- Findings disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The study on the NGO role in community schools has been approved. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux will arrange for implementation in Mali during her upcoming trip in July.

7. Assist in Education in Countries in Crisis Project

- **Finalize draft proposal**
- **Proposal presented to SD/Ed**

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to proposal

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux is working on a program strategy for SO 6 for education in countries in crisis.
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8. Gather resources and knowledge on youth through the Youth Think Tank (pending sustained existence of think tank)

- **Assist SD to organize and convene meetings**
- **Assist SD to synthesize information**
- **Assist SD to disseminate information**

Expected Outputs:

Meetings convened

Brief on youth development findings and effective practices produced & shared with USAID missions, esp Mali.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

9. Produce SARA impact assessment study

- Review and edit studies
- Develop dissemination plan
- Disseminate for advocacy

Expected Outputs:

- Impact studies printed, disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The education assessment impact reviews are ready for printing pending USAID approval of the 5-page policy piece. These will be printed and disseminated early in the next quarter.

10. Assist SD in conducting health/education activities

- Assist in development of impact assessment of HIV/AIDS on education
- Assist in development of school health activities

Expected Outputs:

- Impact assessment proposal developed
- School health activities coordinated through SARA

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See SO 9, Item 7

11. Assist AFR/SD in providing backstopping to Mali USAID mission

- Follow-up education policy agenda
- Provide TA when needed
- Monitor activities on a regular basis

Expected Outputs:

- Education portfolio updated and monitored
- TA provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Yolande Miller-Grandvaux will provide technical assistance to the Mali mission early in the next quarter.

12. Assist AFR/SD in providing backstopping to Benin USAID mission

- Assist in development of education portfolio
- Provide TA when needed
- Monitor activities on a regular basis

Expected Outputs:

- Visits to, contacts with ERNESA, FAWE, BOLESWA completed or established

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Yolande Miller-Grandvaux continues to maintain contact with the Benin mission and plans a trip there in the near future.

13. Explore development of relationships with other African networks for the promotion of SD priority issues

Expected Outputs:

- Visits to, contacts with ERNESA, FAWE, BOLESWA completed or established

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

14. Disseminate knowledge and guidance on policies and practices

- Develop and present papers at international education conferences: CIES, national summit for Africa, etc.
- Attend professional conferences (EFA, etc.)

Expected Outputs:

- Papers accepted and presented
- Information packets shared

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

SO 7: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Results Package: Household and Community Approaches to Child Health

1. Dissemination and use of French translation of WHO qualitative research manual

Expected Outputs:

- Manual used by training institutions / projects

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The document continues to be distributed on request.

2. Dissemination and use of JHU description of qualitative research manuals

Expected Outputs:

- Manual used by research institutions / projects / individuals

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This document continues to be requested by many different organizations. It has also been displayed at several conferences that have generated orders, such as PHN SOTA, IMCI meeting, etc. A draft French translation has also been completed and the document was converted to PDF format and posted on the AFR/SD website.

3. Assistance to CERPOD and LSHTM for development of qualitative research capacity building in W. Africa, and sustainability

Expected Outputs:

- Technical Assistance provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Sarah Castle of LSHTM and Mamadou Konate of CERPOD met with Gary Engleberg of ACI in Dakar this quarter to develop an outline for the qualitative research training workshop that CERPOD will implement. The proposal for this initiative was updated and submitted to several sources of funding. While in Dakar in May, Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones, SARA Project Director, met with Dr. Castle and Mr. Konate to discuss it.

4. Facilitate the design and implementation of consultant training for household/community IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- TA for module development / revision
- Support for facilitation and / or participation in orientation meeting

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Onanga Bongwele of WHO/AFRO/Lome has been drafting the briefing package this quarter. He was, however, unable to attend the Durban community inter-agency working group (IAWG) IMCI meeting. Suzanne Prysor-Jones hoped to meet with him and Dr. Remi Sogunro of WHO/AFRI there. A preliminary draft was forwarded by Dr. Sogunro to Dr. Prysor-Jones. She provided input for its revision and made some informal contacts with Cathy Wolfheim, WHO/Geneva, to see if she would be involved in working on these materials, as well as Dr. Colette Geslin and perhaps Dr. Yaya Drabo, both of BASICS. Dr. Sogunro also contacted Dr. Tony Musinde of WHO/AFRO/Abidjan to solicit his input.

5. Promote coordination between IMCI and Malaria

Expected Outputs:

- Participation in key meetings
- Linkages established

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Prysor-Jones and Dr. Duale Sambe, SARA Senior Research Manager, have participated in working group meetings and electronic exchanges between AFR/SD/HR and representatives of WHO/AFRO, DFID, and the World Bank to discuss approaches to improve linkages between IMCI and RBM activities in the African region. The activities have included the planning of a joint DFID and USAID scoping mission at WHO/AFRO and a joint IMCI and RBM task force meeting later this year.

6. Assist CHANGE with issues identification for household and community programs

Expected Outputs:

- Consultative meeting planned, implemented and followed up

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A final report of the February 25th consultative meeting was disseminated to participants and other interested parties. In addition, the SARA and CHANGE Project staff met to discuss next steps, which were then presented to the CHANGE CTO, Elizabeth Fox. She, in turn, met with Holly Fluty Dempsey of AFR/SD/HR, who agreed to dedicate some maternal health funding for CHANGE.

7. Consultative meeting on social marketing projects with consultation on supplies at community level

Expected Outputs:

- Consultative meeting planned, implemented and followed up

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A consultative meeting on “Commodities in the Communities” was held May 24th with about 20 participants from USAID and relevant CAs. A meeting report was published and disseminated in June.

8. Facilitate improvements in IEC/community approach training in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- African institutions curriculum (IRSP, CERCOM, Public Health Schools, etc.) improved

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

9. Promote appropriate costing of household and community programs

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided for review of literature and follow-up

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, a paper was produced entitled, *The Costing of Community Maternal and Child Health Interventions: A Review of the Literature with Applications for Conducting Cost-effectiveness Studies and for Advocacy*. It was widely distributed at the CORE meeting in early May and also disseminated in the Durban community IMCI meeting. Distribution will be completed next quarter.

10. Participate in IAWG on household and community IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- AFR/SD priorities promoted
- AFR/SD feedback provided on issues

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The IAWG held a morning meeting in Durban following the global community health/IMCI meeting (see no. 12 below). Suzanne Prysor-Jones participated in the discussions of next steps for the IAWG.

11. Develop advocacy materials on community programs

Expected Outputs:

- Advocacy materials developed as required

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The IMCI brochure, disseminated this quarter, advocating for more commitment to IMCI, focuses attention to the community level. Also see no. 5 in the next section.

12. Participate in WHO/AFRO, UNICEF, and/or BASICS meetings in Africa on household and community IMCI

Expected Outputs:

- Trip reports submitted
- AFR/SD priorities promoted
- AFR/SD feedback provided on issues

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Prysor-Jones participated in the meeting on community IMCI held in Durban in late June. A field trip to Bergville (World Vision- and UNICEF-supported community program) and conversations with representatives from Tanzania, Uganda and Mali allowed Dr. Prysor-Jones to form a relatively clear idea of the state of current field activities, partially funded by the USAID grant to UNICEF. Dr. Prysor-Jones participated actively in the meeting, facilitating several sessions and helping to draft the Concluding Statement, which reflects the hard-won consensus on community IMCI by UNICEF, WHO, USAID and other agencies.

Dr. Prysor-Jones developed a concept paper with Dan Kasigi of Afri-Can (African Community Action Network for Health) on a possible role for Afri-Can in promoting child health in the community within its member NGO networks in several African countries.

13. Assist AFR/SD with issues identification, portfolio management, and evaluation

Expected Outputs:

- Core Group meetings organized
- M & E system functioning
- Results packages updated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

M&E System: See progress reported under Cross-cutting SO, item #1.

SO 7: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Results Package:

Provider Performance

1. Facilitate the dissemination and use of QI tools and methods:

- COPE for child health and other
- QA for IMCI
- Performance Improvement methods

Expected Outputs:

- Evaluation results reviewed and strategies for scaling up developed in coordination with AFRO UNICEF, BASICS, REDSO
- Strategies developed in coordination with URC, BASICS, AFRO, REDSO
- Strategies developed in coordination with INTRAH
- Meeting held at CESAG of all parties to discuss scaling up of QI in West Africa

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Prysor-Jones had phone contact with Dr. Colette Geslin of BASICS, Dr. Tony Musinde of WHO/AFRO, Ms. Laurence Codjia of CESAG and AVSC during the quarter to assist with the preparation of the Guinea field visit planned for July, including a clarification of objectives, etc.

2. Participate in WHO meetings on IMCI components 1 and 2

Expected Outputs:

- Trip reports submitted
- AFR/SD priorities promoted
- AFR/SD feedback provided on AFRO issues

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

3. Facilitate the development of a strategy to scale up IMCI, e.g., through the private sector

Expected Outputs:

- Strategies developed in coordination with BASICS, AFRO, CORE to track bilateral activities, test alternative training methodologies and promote resource mobilization

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter but see no. 7 in previous section.

4. Facilitate the focusing of BASICS W. Africa attention on AFR/SD priorities, including:

- pre-service training
- improved in-service training
- problem-solving / supervision

Expected Outputs:

- Participation in BASICS meetings
- Strategies developed and feedback to AFR/SD on issues received

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Prysor-Jones discussed AFR/SDHR priorities with Dr. Adama Kone of the BASICS regional office while they were both in Durban for the June IAWG meeting. Dr. Prysor-Jones also visited the Dakar BASICS office in May to work with Dr. Serigne Diene and Dr. Colette Geslin, mainly on the SARA/SANA/BASICS common agenda for nutrition. Conversations with Dr. Geslin during this visit also covered quality improvement and other IMCI issues.

5. Develop / contribute to advocacy and analyses of lessons learned materials on IMCI, as needed

Expected Outputs:

- Advocacy brochure finalized and disseminated
- Needs for other documents identified

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The brochure *Saving Childrens Lives* on the economic benefits of IMCI was produced and distributed this quarter in English. It was distributed at the IMCI meeting in Harare in June and was in great demand from participants at the Durban conference. The result was orders that surpassed the production run. At the Durban meeting, South Africa requested 1000 copies. Uganda and Tanzania requested several hundred and WHO/AFRO also requested 1000 in English and French. Therefore, another print run will occur early in the next quarter to meet the demand. The French translation will be finalized and printed next quarter as well. The Malaria and Pregnancy working group is using a similar model for its advocacy brochure.

6. Assist AFR/SD with issues identification, portfolio management, and evaluation, including a review of USAID strategies and investments for child survival

Expected Outputs:

- M & E system functioning
- Results packages updated
- Review document produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA provided information and language for AFR/SD/HRD R4 wrap-up documents this quarter. For the M&E System: See progress reported under Cross-cutting SO, item #1.

SO 7 : **Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services.**

Results Package: **Malaria RP**

1. M&E of the Joint WHO/AFRO and USAID support for malaria control programs in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided by SARA staff and consultant

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No major activity this quarter.

2. Updating AFR/SD strategic framework for research, analysis and dissemination on malaria

Expected Outputs:

- Literature reviewed
- Expert survey results synthesized
- Working group meetings held
- Strategic framework produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA received a short comment from one of the expert reviewers by the April 26, 2000, deadline. The document is awaiting final editing, production and dissemination plan.

3. Dissemination of relevant information on malaria and pregnancy

Expected Outputs:

- Production and dissemination of Annals supplement

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA received 500 copies of the supplement to the *Annals of Tropical Medicine & Parasitology* that was printed by Taylor & Francis, Ltd., under a SARA purchase order. All the copies have been disseminated. The activity is now completed.

4. Support for initiatives on the prevention of malaria in pregnancy in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings held
- Advocacy briefs developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery, SARA Dissemination and Advocacy Manager, has been working with the interagency Malaria and Pregnancy working group to develop an advocacy brochure on the subject targeted to policy makers and maternal health program managers, and represented SARA at a meeting of the group hosted by JHPIEGO. This will be further refined in the next quarter and if ready, printed and distributed.

5. Manual on qualitative research for case management of malaria and other malaria-related documents requested by AFR/SD

Expected Outputs:

- Consultant hired
- Manual developed, produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Most of the malaria-related documents that were in production have been produced and disseminated. A final draft of the protocol for malaria case management is being reviewed and SARA expects to produce it next quarter.

6. Joint planning and coordination of activities on priority areas such as IMCI, Malaria, IDS with other USAID projects and partners (e.g., BASICS, NetMark, CORE, UNICEF, CDC)

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff & consultant involved in meetings and electronic exchanges with partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe worked with Dr. Mary Ettling of AFR/SD/HR and Dr. Higgs of NIH to develop a work plan for MRTC in Bamako, Mali, for the use of the \$ 1 million pledged by President Clinton for malaria activities.

7. Co-sponsor a session on the social and behavioral aspects of malaria at the 4th SOMA-Net conference

Expected Outputs:

- Co-sponsorship arrangement made with the SOMA-Net Secretariat
- Resource persons and selected participants identified and sponsored
- Relevant background materials disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe has exchanged some e-mails with the SOMA-Net Secretariat, but no concrete arrangement has been made.

SO 7 : Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services.

Results Package: Infectious Diseases

1. Support the development of an AFR/SD Results Package for infectious diseases

Expected Outputs:

- Review meetings held
- Results package developed and produced

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe has attended infectious diseases Core team meetings.

2. M&E of the joint WHO/AFRO and USAID support for integrated disease surveillance systems in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Technical assistance from SARA staff and consultant

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe attended one day of the CDC, WHO/AFRO and USAID Workshop on Integrated Disease Surveillance, held June 19-23, 2000, in Atlanta, Georgia. He also joined AFR/SD/HR colleagues with consultations with Dr. Kabore and Dr. Lusamba of WHO/AFRO during their visit to Washington, DC, after the Atlanta meeting. Dr. Duale has helped also with the review of WHO/AFRO grant proposals for fiscal year 2000 funding.

3. Africa-based consultative meeting on potential of, and constraints to effective use of laboratory to support infectious disease control

Expected Outputs:

- Meeting organized
- Report produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has not pursued this activity because WHO/AFRO and CDC have just organized a series of laboratory meetings in Africa.

4. Production and dissemination of TB advocacy briefs and other documents requested by AFR/SD

Expected Outputs:

- Review materials developed, produced & disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA disseminated the AFR/SD paper on TB to individuals on the HIV/AIDS mailing list. SARA is now working on a TB mailing list for the dissemination of TB-related materials. SARA also received a TB brief to disseminate at the end of June. This will be sent out early in the next quarter. A TB e-note was also sent out this quarter.

At AFR/SD/HR's request, Dr. Duale Sambe has developed a concept paper for a study of factors affecting the use of TB diagnosis and treatment services by African women of reproductive age. Discussions are underway to identify a team of African researchers and an African institution to develop a protocol and initiate a pilot study in Tanzania.

5. Organize information sharing, including study tours, on the implementation of DOTS strategy for TB control in African settings

Expected Outputs:

- Tours and other information-sharing activities planned and organized
- Lessons learned documented and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe and two SARA-sponsored African participants attended the 13th African Conference on TB held May 24-27, 2000, in Conakry, Guinea.

SO 7: Adoption of policies and strategies for increased sustainability, quality, efficiency and equity of health services

Results Package:

Nutrition

1. Assist AFR/SD SO 7 team in managing the Nutrition Results package

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- SO 7 portfolio reviews conducted
- Performance monitoring plan drafted
- Peer reviews organized
- Expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Several activities occurred this quarter. A meeting was held to discuss AFR/SD/HRD support for activities in West Africa. This also included a briefing by HKI West Africa Regional Director Shawn Baker. In addition, a meeting was held to discuss the AFR/SD/HRD support to the Focal Points Network in West Africa. During this meeting, technical and financial support to this network was discussed; and the sustainability of the network was addressed. Finally, expert advice was provided on the development of an AFR strategy on MTCT of HIV

No nutrition core groups meetings were held this quarter.

2. Provide technical support to AFR Core Groups, G-PHN, and CA partners (e.g., MACRO, BASICS, LINKAGES, MOST) on nutrition issues in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings attended
- Expert advice/input provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Pryor-Jones met with Dr. Serigne Diene and Kinday Samba of SANA in Dakar in May to develop an operational plan for principal activities of the BASICS/SARA/SANA common agenda for nutrition in West Africa. This included dissemination of tools and approaches through pre-service training, NGO networks, development of MINPAK active learning centers in Benin and Senegal, development of country nutrition networks, etc. This 4-day working session served to provide a functional framework for increased teamwork between BASICS, SARA and SANA in West Africa. Other activities:

- SARA provided technical advice to CA partners and the PVO/NGO community on HIV and nutrition issues. This included three presentations on HIV and nutrition for FANta, the PVO Core Group, and Save the Children's Program Learning Group, as well as inputs into FANta plans for work on this issue in Africa, preparing guidelines on care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS targeted at community-level programs
- SARA participated in the ACC/SCN meeting, including the satellite workshop on capacity building for nutrition. Support included input into the agenda for the 2-hour workshop and a brief presentation on Africa Bureau and SARA/SANA activities.
- SARA provided TA to the Global Horn of Africa Initiative (GHAI) of the Linkages Project to assess community nutrition projects in Uganda. Micheline Nturu, SARA/SANA Nutritionist, visited 2 of the 3 projects: one project focuses on credit with health; and the other is an integrated child survival project and carried out qualitative assessments of these projects. In addition, she provided inputs into a document on Better Practices of East African Projects being prepared by the Linkages project.
- SARA provided TA to the Linkages project by assisting in the preparation of an evaluation tool for PROFILES activities in West Africa. This tool captures the more qualitative and process-oriented elements of the Profiles and Advocacy process.

3. Provide technical support to African partner institutions for strategy development and planning related to nutrition policy/programming

Expected Outputs:

- Meetings attended
- Expert advice/input provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Meetings were held this quarter with Ms. Boitshepo Giyose of CRHCS to discuss SARA support for the CRHCS Food and Nutrition Program. A list of potential collaborative activities on nutrition advocacy (PROFILES M&E, local production of the Nutrition Briefs), HIV/AIDS and nutrition (dissemination, capacity building on prevention, MTCT, care and support) were discussed, and information dissemination (nutrition tools fair). CRHCS has submitted a complete proposal to SARA for the nutrition and other sector activities (e.g., HIV/AIDS, dissemination, reproductive health, etc.). SARA has begun reviewing this proposal and will communicate with CRHCS about this support.

SARA provided technical support to WAHO/CRAN to help plan the Bamako 2000 nutrition Focal Point meeting to be held September 25-29, 2000. Specifically, SARA provided inputs on the agenda for the meeting and the focus on nutrition networking at the national level.

4. Strengthen African partners' capacity for:

- nutrition policy analysis and advocacy
- information dissemination and sharing of better practices and lessons learned in nutrition

Expected Outputs:

- Technical support provided
- Regional training organized
- Country advocacy strategies implemented
- Information shared during regional meetings (e.g., nutrition focal points)
- Support provided for documentation of better practices

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA held meetings with the Regional Quality of Health Care Center in Kampala, Uganda and discussed ways for SARA to collaborate with this Center in nutrition advocacy activities, dissemination and electronic networking. In addition, SARA held discussions with members of the Uganda Nutrition Core Group, providing ideas on strengthening nutrition advocacy efforts.

SANA East Africa Regional Advisor Debbie Gachuhi provided technical assistance to the Kenya CAN (Coalition for Action on Nutrition) to prepare a PROFILES presentation for the Education Sector. This presentation was given in May in Nairobi at a national workshop on early childhood education. SARA provided technical assistance/feedback on the prepared script.

5. Review advocacy experience and future directions in Africa. Develop materials to facilitate and support nutrition advocacy activities (including finalizing Nutrition Briefs; handbook or guidelines for nutrition advocacy at the country level)

Expected Outputs:

- Structured meeting on nutrition advocacy held (in Washington)
- English nutrition briefs finalized and French/West Africa version developed
- Additional tools developed, tested, and disseminated based on recommendations from the field
 - Special bulletin or packet produced
 - Small document prepared.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA is continuing work on the modification of the Nutrition Briefs to reflect the West African context. These materials will be reviewed by experts on nutrition issues in West Africa, translated into French and disseminated widely in the West African region. It is envisaged that they will be completed in the 4th Quarter of this year.

6. Actively disseminate and ensure the use of existing nutrition tools, training packages, and related materials in pre-service and in-service training opportunities and NGO networks in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Materials disseminated at relevant meetings, workshops and conferences
- Meetings organized / attended to discuss the content / use of available tools

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA/SANA partner, the University of the Western Cape, discussed and disseminated the Integrated Nutrition Programming Training manual and guidelines for conducting a nutrition situation assessment at the UNICEF Community IMCI meeting in Durban, SA, in June. This approach will be adapted for community IMCI activities in South Africa with UNICEF support.

SARA nutrition materials were disseminated at the PVO Core Group meeting and Save the Children's Program Learning Group meeting held in Millwood, VA, in May and June, respectively.

See also no. 2 in this section (above) for discussion on this issue held in Dakar re BASICS/SARA/SANA.

7. Technical assistance on mother-to-child transmission, infant feeding options and nutrition for African HIV/AIDS programs

Expected Outputs:

- Technical support, expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Technical assistance was provided to ZVITAMBO this quarter to finalize the data collection instruments which assess the impact of MTCT information on HIV testing, disclosure and infant feeding practices, and the in-depth study of infant feeding decisions. TA was also provided to analyze the findings of the skills assessment and to prepare the paper and presentation on this work at the Durban AIDS2000 meeting.

Technical assistance was provided to the UWC to finalize the report of the formative research on HIV and infant feeding in Khayelitsha to prepare briefings for Provincial Health Authorities, and to prepare two presentations of the findings at the Durban AIDS2000 meeting.

Meetings were held with UNICEF/ESAR to discuss experience counseling women on HIV and infant feeding issues in Zimbabwe, the formative research protocols used in various studies, and the work being done on HIV and nutrition.

Dr. Ellen Piwoz, SARA Nutrition Advisor, also prepared a paper on Exclusive Breastfeeding for the Durban AIDS 2000 Satellite meeting on HIV and breastfeeding. The paper will be presented in Durban on July 8, 2000.

8. Develop tool for monitoring and evaluating infant feeding practices in the context of research and programs on mother-to-child transmission of HIV

Expected Outputs:

- Literature reviewed
- Working group meetings organized
- Tool drafted, reviewed, and finalized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A revised draft of the tool was completed this quarter based on comments from WHO, CDC and people working in the field. A poster on the tool was created for presentation at the Durban AIDS 2000 meeting, where it will be discussed with groups interested in pilot testing.

9. Develop tool and/or lessons learned paper re: formative research on infant feeding and mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and conduct advocacy related to this approach to MTCT strategy selection and program design

Expected Outputs:

- Formative research completed
- Lessons learned extracted
- Existing research instruments and experiences reviewed
- Tool and/or advocacy papers drafted, reviewed, finalized, disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A paper titled “HIV and infant feeding: Risks and realities in Africa” was revised this quarter. The paper was based on a presentation to the BASICS Project in March. The updated paper will be presented at the Bamako 2000 meeting in September. It was translated into French this quarter. The paper reviews basic facts about MTCT and discusses the formative research methodology and lessons from Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

10. Prepare issues papers on:

- HIV and nutrition
- HIV and early weaning

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers developed and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A technical review of the paper on HIV and nutrition was completed this quarter. Feedback from HIV, nutrition and program experts was provided. Demand for the paper is already high, particularly among other donor organizations (e.g., UNICEF, FAO, and NIH). The paper will be finalized next quarter.

A CTO letter for the paper on HIV and early weaning was signed this quarter. A literature review is now being conducted by consultant Elizabeth Zehner with inputs from Ready to Learn and SARA.

11. Continuous issues identification, information dissemination, and advocacy on issues of importance for nutrition in Africa (e.g., HIV/AIDS and nutrition; MTCT and infant feeding, women's nutrition, anemia and infectious diseases/malaria)

Expected Outputs:

- Papers or tools disseminated
- Posters or oral presentations developed
- Consultative meetings organized
- Workshops / conferences with dissemination component attended

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Two posters and three oral presentations on HIV and infant feeding were developed this quarter for use at the Durban AIDS meeting and other venues. In addition, three presentations on HIV and nutrition were given in Washington, DC, and environs.

No consultative meetings were held.

Finally, SARA/nutrition attended the PVO Core Group meeting, the Save the Children Program Learning Group meeting, the ACC/SCN nutrition meeting. SARA nutrition tools were disseminated at these meetings.

12. Document impact of AFR/SD nutrition investments (e.g., capacity development through SARA/SANA; regional collaboration, etc.)

Expected Outputs:

- Case studies and impact reviews completed
- Better practices disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A consultant to conduct the SANA evaluation was identified. A SOW for the evaluation will be drafted next quarter. Work began to assemble documentation of SANA activities and impacts.

SO 7: Adoption of Policies and Strategies for Increased sustainability, Quality, Efficiency, and Equity of Health Services

Results Package: Maternal Health/Essential Obstetrical Care (EOC)

1. Produce and disseminate summary country report on West African post-abortion care study; Develop dissemination and advocacy strategy

Expected Outputs:

- Report produced
- Dissemination and advocacy (D&A) strategy developed for participating countries

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Delays in finalizing a subcontract slowed the printing and distribution of the brochure despite the requisite CTO letter being in place. In late June, consultations were held with JHPIEGO which resulted in a proposed resolution to the impasse. It is now expected that the brochure will be finalized by mid-August. The SARA team provided JHPIEGO with input to its dissemination plan and will follow up further.

2. In collaboration with partners, assist CEFOREP with in-country dissemination and action plan development for 4-country EOC resolutions

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination and EOC advocacy action plans developed
- Donors identified and funds leveraged for implementation
- Follow-up initiated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Suzanne Prysor-Jones held discussions in Dakar with Prof. Fadel Diadhiou, Dr. Barky Diallo and Dr. Defa Wane of CEFOREP. Discussed were updates on materials being produced, CEFOREP's future role in coordinating advocacy and policy dialogue on maternal mortality in West Africa, and Dr. Wane's working arrangements.

During the quarter, Dr. Wane completed the four country case studies and these were circulated by AFR/SD/HR to the appropriate Missions for feedback. The summary report was finalized and will be printed and distributed once Missions provide feedback. A dissemination and action planning workshop which used the study findings (funded by INTRAH/PRIME) was held by the MOH in Benin and a national action plan on EOC and including neonatal care was developed in Benin. Discussions continue with MOH partners in Burkina Faso and Mali, while Senegal held its planning workshop and has prepared an EOC plan which has been incorporated into its seven year reproductive health plan.

3. Produce advocacy materials to maximize research results of EOC study in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- *Mere en Danger* booklet as an advocacy tool for EOC developed and disseminated
- Tool integrated into country plans

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is related to activity 2 above. Subcontractor ACI will proceed with the preparation of the user friendly brochure once AFR/SD/HR receives feedback from Missions and gives a go-ahead to proceed.

4. Assist SAGO to become more policy / action oriented; provide TA in translating research findings into programs/actions

Expected Outputs:

- Workshop in advocacy and policy communications conducted
- Strategic action plans developed
- Advocacy activities initiated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During the quarter, the SARA project worked on plans for the July Executive Committee meeting mentioned in the last quarterly report. As a preliminary activity, consultants Lalla Toure and Barky Diallo prepared and sent out a questionnaire to SAGO Country Chapters on country-level activities and on chapters' involvement in policy development at the country level.

5. Select 1 pilot country to test the use of Bart Burkhalter's maternal health PROFILES –like model for creating policy dialogue and as an advocacy tool

Expected Outputs:

- Country(s) selected
- Model developed in collaboration with local orgs.
- Presentations completed
- Next steps defined

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

A series of planning meetings was held among Caroline Blair, SARA Reproductive Health Advisor, Dr. Bart Burkhalter, Dr. Victor Aguayo and Dr. Stephen Kinoti, all of whom are members of the team which will field-test the model in Uganda. A mechanism was put in place to provide support to the Ugandan host of the activity, the Regional Centre for the Quality of Health Care. Discussions have continued with the Centre to ensure that logistical aspects are taken care of. Dr. Burkhalter has also consulted with WHO in Geneva in order to acquaint himself with recent work it has done in Uganda on costing the Uganda mother-baby package. Ms. Blair also shared the plans with Koki Agarwal of the Policy Project at TFGI and communicated regularly with the Uganda Mission of USAID as well as with the DISH project. The activity will take place in Uganda July 10-21.

6. Develop a comprehensive dissemination strategy for results of 3-country EOC cost studies

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination plan developed
- Appropriate materials completed and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Discussions continue between CEFORP, ACI, SARA and AFR/SD/HR, including the recent sharing of the SARA mailing list. AFR/SD/HR has asked that the documents not be disseminated until feedback from the Missions is received.

7. Assist AFR/SD/HRD SO 7 team in managing the Maternal Health results package

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Caroline Blair prepared a maternal health indicator table and accompanying graphics for the HPN SOTA meeting in Kenya. This table presented indicators for all countries with USAID representation (including FHA) and for selected developed countries in order to highlight the unacceptable state of maternal health in Africa and to advocate for increased Mission resources in this area. The table was used in a presentation and was distributed to all participants.

SO 8: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Results Package: None in particular – Related to overall SO

1. Assist AFR/SD SO8 team with managing the RH results packages

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- Results packages completed and periodically updated
- PMPs revised and updated annually
- R4 completed annually
- Technical advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Caroline Blair, Rhonda Smith of PRB and Renuka Bery have attended regular core team meetings and worked with the SO 8 team to finalize the results package and the PMP. They also assisted with the preparation of the R4 presentations. Ms. Blair also worked with Roxana Rogers to begin defining future activities in the area of health care financing. This work is continuing. Ms. Blair provided input to the summary matrix of AFR/SD activities which was prepared for the SOTA meeting in June. She also attended a forum organized by the USAID Global Bureau on adolescent health and development to help guide development of a new procurement which will follow up the FOCUS project, attended the "consultative meeting on ensuring availability and appropriate use of essential supplies for child health at community level in Africa, and assisted in the editing and reviewing of the report on this same meeting.

2. Conduct an SO 8 portfolio review of all or selected focus areas to re-examine strategic directions, mix of focus areas; best practices, and overall portfolio balance

Expected Outputs:

- Literature reviewed
- Expert consultative working group meetings organized
- Results packages and work plans updated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Changes to the draft scope of work were incorporated into a final SOW which AFR/SD/HR has now accepted. A suitable consultant has been identified by the SO 8 Core Group and AFR/SD/HR is in the process of putting into place a mechanism to engage the consultant. Rhonda Smith and Caroline Blair prepared a SOW for Justine Sass, PRB intern, who started work on a comprehensive literature review of SO 8's major areas. Ms. Smith and Ms. Blair provided Ms. Sass with background documents and with support as needed. Work on this review is nearing completion and Ms. Sass will present her findings to the core group over a series of meetings. Once the consultant is in place, she will also provide her with support and brief her on her findings.

3. Assist AFR/SD with evaluating, tracking, and monitoring performance and results

Expected Outputs:

- Evaluation assessment of SO 8 results package activities completed
- Simple computer program for tracking results by indicator targets developed and applied

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Caroline Blair represented the SO 8 Core team on the Monitoring and Evaluation group, which had several meetings.

Assistance to SO 8 on M&E issues is being coordinated with efforts to develop a functioning M&E system for the entire SD/HRD portfolio. See progress reported under Cross-cutting SO, item #1.

Caroline Blair and Anne Inserra, SARA Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor, drafted a proposed scope of work for the planned SO 8 portfolio review and made revisions based on discussions with the core group and CTO.

Ms. Blair and Ms. Inserra consulted with the SO 8 core team members and drafted the terms of reference for an impact review of the JHU CUP (male involvement in HIV/AIDS prevention through sports) activity. The draft assessment has been completed by Bill Rau, a SARA consultant.

SO 8: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Results Package: Male involvement (Addressing the reproductive health (RH) needs of underserved populations)

1. Assess the outcomes/results of the Male Involvement workshop in Francophone Africa with JHU/PCS, IPPE, AVSC, INTRAH, and SFPS

Expected Outputs:

- Questionnaires collected, analyzed and summary report completed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Caroline Blair has not received the report on the findings since her visit to JHU/PCS. As indicated in the last quarterly report, very few completed questionnaires were received, meaning the findings will have limited application, but follow-up is nonetheless required.

2. Provide technical assistance and support to RESAR in the development and implementation of a multi-country study on male involvement in RH

Expected Outputs:

- Research protocol reflecting need to assess existing practices and multiple audiences (e.g., providers; donors; corps; ministries; key informants) completed
- Study implemented in countries (TBD)

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

RESAR is continuing with the field work for the study and is expected to analyze its findings and present a draft report during the upcoming quarter.

3. Assess current program activities for males – lessons learned/models; Provide TA to USAID missions in integrating male involvement activities into their programs

Expected Outputs:

- Updated summary of best practices completed
- TA provided to missions (TBD).

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

An impact review of AFR/SD's support to male involvement activities has been drafted and is currently being reviewed and revised.

SO 8: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Results Package: Women's empowerment

1. Support the establishment of an East and South African women's media network hosted by S. African media org. in collaboration with the Freedom Forum and the S. Africa Department of Welfare

Expected Outputs:

- One seminar completed
- Print articles and broadcast programs produced
- Changes in media strategies documented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The network is now in place.

2. Assist with documentation and dissemination of PIVOT 3 case studies (Lessons learned)

Expected Outputs:

- Case studies documented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery met with Khadijat Mojidi of AFR/SD/HR and the NGO Networks team to discuss the progress in the case studies and to explore how these could be best produced to ensure maximum usability. Ms. Bery emphasized the need to keep any documents simple and to focus on the target audiences who are USAID, policy makers and program managers.

3. Support the establishment of a West African women's media network, Fem'Mediafrique, in collaboration with the PANOS Institute regional office in Bamako, Mali [NEW ACTIVITY]

Expected Outputs:

- One seminar on "Women and HIV/AIDS" completed
- Print articles and radio broadcast programs produced
- Changes in media strategies documented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Since the first seminar was held in Dakar during the first project quarter (December 1999), SARA staff have received articles from the journalists in Senegal, Burkina Faso and Mali, and impressive radio programs from Ouagadougou and Bamako. PANOS reports that owing to political instability and changes in leadership at Fem'Mediafrique affiliated media organizations in Abidjan, the journalists there have not succeeded in producing their articles or radio programs. PANOS is investigating other outlets, including regional wire services such as the Pan African News Association (PANA) in Dakar.

SO 8: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Results Package: None in particular – Reproductive health policies / strategies promotion

1. Provide technical assistance for dissemination and advocacy for RESAR's post-Cairo assessment of RH policies in 5 countries

Expected Outputs:

- Research findings and lessons learned in each country disseminated
- Follow-up evaluation completed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

2. Support new policy communication position at CERPOD re: producing policy-oriented materials, developing dissemination and advocacy activities in three focus areas: adolescents; maternal health; and HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- FY 2000 dissemination & advocacy work plan completed
- Policy-relevant materials produced and disseminated on the topics TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The position was supported by SARA during this period.

3. Disseminate information and results / outcomes of the Francophone MAQ conference through CERPOD, RESAR, and JHPIEGO

Expected Outputs:

- Follow-up interviews and questionnaires completed and analyzed
- One MAQ bulletin published and disseminated to relevant participating orgs
- Outcomes widely disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The French language MAQ bulletin has been finalized and distributed. The MAQ initiative continues.

4. Continue to support revitalization and coordination effort of RESAR in collaboration with SFPS and CERPOD; identify an approach for establishing a permanent secretariat

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The conference report of RESAR's Conakry conference has yet to be finalized. RESAR continues to work with SFPS on institutional issues.

SO 8: Policies and strategies for increased sustainability and quality of reproductive health services adopted

Results Package: **None in particular – Media Activities [NEW ACTIVITY TYPE]**

1. Continue to provide technical support to the West Africa Pop'Mediafrrique senior journalist network

Expected Outputs:

- One advocacy seminar completed in Bamako, Mali
- Participation of journalists in the 2000 HIV/AIDS conference in Durban
- Print articles and broadcast programs produced
- Changes in media strategies documented.

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

In preparation for the 2000 HIV/AIDS conference in Durban (July 9-14, 2000), SARA Project staff worked collaboratively with Africa Consultants International in Dakar to obtain press credentials from the conference organizers and to arrange logistics. The SARA team also prepared French language press packets for each Pop'Mediafrrique member, which included conference materials, recent reports on key HIV/AIDS issues, and a glossary of HIV/AIDS and reproductive health terms. Following the conference, consultants Victoria Ebin and Sie Some will visit Bamako, Mali, to discuss plans for the next advocacy seminar with USAID mission staff.

SO 9: Adoption of Cost-effective Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS

Results Package: HIV/AIDS

1. Documentation and dissemination of community-oriented HIV/AIDS prevention approaches

Expected Outputs:

- Literature reviewed
- Field visits completed
- Case studies prepared
- Consultative meeting sponsored

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Literature search on community –oriented HIV/AIDS prevention approaches are continuing but are slow. This could move faster if a dedicated short term consultant were tasked to undertake the search, make the field visits to selected countries (say Uganda, Zambia, Senegal, South Africa) and prepare case studies. Dr. David Apuuli, the Director General of the Uganda AIDS Mission, is willing to undertake this.

No further field visits have been undertaken.

A consultative meeting will be considered after the literature review and the field visits.

2. Develop tool for monitoring and evaluating infant feeding practices in the context of research and programs on mother-to-child transmission of HIV

Expected Outputs:

- Literature reviewed
- Working group meetings organized
- Tool drafted, reviewed, and finalized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See SO 7, Nutrition, Item 8 above

3. Develop tool and/or lessons learned paper re: formative research on infant feeding and mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and conduct advocacy related to this approach to MTCT strategy selection and program design

Expected Outputs:

- Research instruments and experiences reviewed
- Tool drafted, reviewed, finalized, disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See SO 7, Nutrition, Item 9 above

4. Develop an issues paper on HIV and nutrition

Expected Outputs:

- Issues papers developed and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See SO 7, Nutrition, Item 10 above

5. Continuous issues identification, information dissemination and advocacy for comprehensive approaches to reducing mother-to-child transmission of HIV

Expected Outputs:

- Literature reviewed
- Working group meetings organized
- Information briefs and/or advocacy documents drafted, reviewed, finalized and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has contracted the services of Ms. Beth Preble to prepare a strategic guidance paper on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Africa. The paper will aim at guiding USAID bilateral and regional programs in investing in MTCT interventions.

6. Youth livelihood best practices for the prevention of HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- Study protocol developed and implemented
- Paper on lessons learned from youth livelihood programs produced and disseminated
- Dissemination workshop organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

IDRC produced the draft report that was presented by Jamie Schnurr and the Consultant John Grieson on July 27 to the USAID Adult Reproductive Health Group. In addition, Ishrat Husain of AFR/SD/HR discussed her office's comments and reaction with him. IDRC will now revise the draft in the light of written comments that Ms. Husain will provide during the next quarter after collecting input from her colleagues. Once these comments are received, IDRC will finalize the report.

7. Technical support for AFR/SD initiatives to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on educational systems

Expected Outputs:

- TA for implementation, dissemination workshop provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA sponsored two participants from West Africa to attend the AFR/SD/HR and HEARD-sponsored workshop for representatives of ministries of education and of finances of SADC countries to discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS on the education systems. SARA is exploring the possibility of organizing such a workshop for West African Francophone countries.

8. Assist AFR/SD SO 9 Team in managing the HIV/AIDS Results package

Expected Outputs:

- Core team meetings held
- SO 9 portfolio reviews organized
- Performance monitoring plan drafted
- Peer reviews organized and expert advice provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe has revised the SO 9 RP and drafted the performance monitoring plan. Peer review is the next step.

Renuka Bery provided assistance to the Africa Bureau in structuring and editing the results package that is being developed for the Southern Africa Regional HIV/AIDS Initiative called CORRIDORS.

Dr. Stephen Kinoti, SARA HIV/AIDS Advisor, made efforts to get the Core Team to meet during this period but it did not happen. Meanwhile, reports on Regional Initiatives and activities by the SARA project staff were shared by e-mail with the Core and Expanded teams of SO9.

9. Support advocacy for multi-sectoral approaches to HIV/AIDS

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings supported
- Targeted dissemination implemented
- AIDS Briefs and AIDS packets collated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA received 500 copies of the revised AIDS Briefs and Toolkits. SARA continues to collate HIV/AIDS packets on multisectoral issues for a variety of audiences. These were presented at a number of conferences, including the HPN SOTA, Durban AIDS meeting, the Africa Summit, the DJCC meeting at CRHCS in Arusha, and other meetings in the US. Renuka Bery took copies to the missions and African organizations she visited while on TDY in Uganda and Kenya. USAID/Uganda is in the process of developing a multisectoral HIV/AIDS results package, so the material was timely and welcome. Meantime, revised AIDS Briefs were disseminated to the NACP Managers and members of the Health Systems Research Network in ECSA, and plans were initiated to develop a mechanism for the adaptation of the toolkits in selected countries and to use them for the assessment of the Impacts of HIV/AIDS on various sectors and the country responses to mitigate the impacts.

In addition, approximately 200 copies of HIV/AIDS packets were distributed during this quarter.

Stephen Kinoti participated in the development of an approach to collect data on micro-financing strategies for the mitigation of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Global Health Councils is undertaking a study that will also review activities being undertaken that involve collecting case studies and lessons in economic empowerment of households and communities.

Finally, the Health Sector HIV/AIDS Group (HS-HAG) was established with the aim of identifying critical issues in supporting prevention and mitigation of HIV/AIDS impacts on the health sector. Dr. Kinoti is chairing the Group.

10. Strengthen CERPOD capacity and involvement with M&E of HIV/AIDS programs in West Africa

Expected Outputs:

- HIV/AIDS point person hired by CERPOD
- Action plan developed and implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

At SARA's request, Dr. Mohamadou Gueye of CERPOD was invited to attend the UNAIDS, WHO and MEASURE- sponsored Global Meeting on Monitoring and Evaluation of National AIDS Programs held April 12-14, 2000, in Berlin. Dr. Duale Sambe met with Dr. Gueye in Berlin to discuss HIV/AIDS activities during the difficult time that CERPOD was going through.

11. Strengthen CRHCS/ECSA capacity to support HIV/AIDS policy changes in eastern and southern Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Joint strategic planning meeting organized
- Action plan developed and implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti synthesized the proceedings of the DJCC meeting “Responding to the HIV/AIDS Disaster IN ECSA” held in Arusha and produced the “Recommendations and Actions Plans” and the meetings summary report. These will be presented to the August 2000 Health and Finance Ministers’ meeting and to the October 2000 ECSA Conference of Health Ministers.

Dr. Kinoti also visited REDSO/ESA and held consultations with Janet Hayman and Carolyn Jefferson on regional collaboration in HIV/AIDS work. Other consultations held involved the JHPIEGO Regional Office in Nairobi; the JHPIEGO office in Uganda; the USAID Missions in Kenya and Uganda; the Regional Center for Quality of Health Care in Uganda, Uganda AIDS Commissions and AMREF in Kenya. Many of the activities discussed with these agencies will be implemented in collaboration with the CRHCS.

12. Strategic planning meeting for the Civil-Military Alliance networking activities in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Joint strategic planning meeting organized
- Action plan developed and implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has had some discussions with the Policy Project on potential joint support for a Civil-Military Alliance meeting being proposed for next Fall.

13. HIV/AIDS advocacy and information dissemination through African institutions and networks

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings organized
- Information briefs and/or advocacy documents produced and disseminated
- Network meetings co-sponsored

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti participated in the Health Systems Research Network meeting held in Pretoria, SA, with the support of WHO/AFRO to develop HIV/AIDS research priorities and plan activities to implement the research. During this meeting, the following documents were shared: AIDS Briefs for Professionals; AIDS Toolkits; USAID Health Sector HIV/AIDS research questions and SARA's Research to Policy document. Participants were from MOHs and universities.

A possible role of the HSR Network in the assessment of the Impacts of HIV/AIDS on the health sector and country responses in mitigation was discussed. This will be followed up.

14. Participation at the International Conference on AIDS, July 2000, Durban, South Africa

Expected Outputs:

- SARA represented
- Report prepared with recommendations for AFR/SD & SARA

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Ellen Piwoz and Dr. Stephen Kinoti will attend the Durban AIDS 2000 meeting in July 2000. This quarter involved preparation for the meeting only.

15. Participation in joint planning and coordination activities on international HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa (World Bank, UNAIDS, WHO, LIFE, SADC etc.)

Expected Outputs:

- SARA staff & consultant involved in meetings and electronic exchanges with partners

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Stephen Kinoti coordinated the planned visit to Washington by Dr. Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho of WHO Geneva. He also maintained e-mail communication with Partners in Population and Development-South to South and REDSO.

Meetings were held with Dr. Balfour and Ms Lebeso of the SADC regarding collaboration between SADC and the CRHCS in HIV/AIDS work, which led to the invitation of CRHCS to the SADC AIDS strategic Framework launching meeting.

Dr. Duale Sambe attended the Global meeting on monitoring and evaluation of national AIDS control Programs sponsored by UNAIDS, WHO and USAID-funded Measure Project, and held April 12-14, 2000, in Berlin, Germany.

Dr. Kinoti and Dr. Duale represented SARA at this year IWG meeting.

Finally, a meeting was held with Ms Helen Myezwa, Regional Coordinator of HSR-GTZ, during which support for HIV/AIDS research and capacity building by GTZ was discussed.

SO 10: Improved Policies, Strategies and Programs for Preventing, Mitigating and Transition out of Crises

Results Package: Epidemic preparedness (Management of complex emergencies)

1. Technical support to update AFR/SD Results Package for Epidemic Preparedness and Response

Expected Outputs:

- Review meetings held
- TA provided for the development and production of the RP

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No major activity this quarter.

2. Review of the joint AFR/SD, WHO/AFRO & CDC initiative on epidemic preparedness and response

Expected Outputs:

- Lessons learned from the WCA block reviewed, documented in a report and disseminated
- TA provided by SARA staff and consultant

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe has continued to consult with WHO/AFRO and AFR/SD/HR on identifying the consultant and the dates for the review. It is now set to take place in late July and early August this year.

SPO: Polio

Results Package: Polio

1. Support the development of WHO/AFRO dissemination and advocacy strategy for Polio eradication and EPI

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided to WHO/AFRO to help develop dissemination and advocacy strategy

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery has continued to keep in close contact with Grace Kagundu at WHO/AFRO to advise, as necessary, on dissemination activities. Ms. Bery has also been coordinating with CHANGE and BASICS projects to ensure that our technical assistance efforts are coordinated. In addition, SARA has been involved in helping CDC and AFRO think through a strategy for disseminating the laboratory manual. SARA is also translating the lab manual into French. This translation should be completed by early next quarter and a dissemination plan will be developed.

SO: Cross-cutting

Results Package: Various areas

1. Document the impact on PHN & basic education policies, strategies and programs in Africa of selected AFR/SD-funded activities

Expected Outputs:

- TA for M& E of activities provided
- Impact sheets developed and used

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Anne Inserra has continued to work with AFR/SD/HR and SARA staff on performance monitoring and evaluation systems for the entire AFR/SD/HR program portfolio. She also continued to work with Core SO teams on specific M&E issues affecting their separate programs.

In an additional development, a M&E Core Group was formed with representation from each of the Core SO teams. The M&E Group's mandate is to make recommendations on improvements to specific aspects of M&E systems, and to assist Core teams in implementing those recommendations. The M&E Group had several meetings to discuss specific topics, including development of the activity funding database, development of a format and content for a proposed semi-annual implementation report to be completed by implementing agencies that may be instituted, and very preliminary work on a potential planning arrow tool for activities:

- Initial work on the design of an Access database to track activities and funding has begun. The Mitchell Group did some early design work on the system, and SARA has now taken over. Multiple discussions on the purpose and functions of the system have been held with many staff. A proposal for the database has been drawn up. SO Core team members seem to want a simple system that would enable them to track all of their activities and the corresponding budget amounts. Discussions are now underway with AFR/SD/HR staff to determine how this new database should relate to existing spreadsheet tools that they have been using to track more detailed budget information for activities.
- Many AFR/SD/HR staff liked the idea of trying to get all implementing partners to submit standardized semi- annual or annual activity implementation reports. In practice, however, there are several constraints to initiating such a system. The consensus is that AFR/SD/HR staff do not have time to produce such reports. Also, it may not be feasible for this staff to request any extra reports from the implementers of projects housed in other bureaus, such as Global field support activities.
- Ms. Inserra drew up a proposed draft planning arrow tool for activities, based on materials developed under SARA I. SO Core team members on the M&E Group agreed to test the planning tool on several activities and bring feedback to the M&E Group.

A draft impact review for the JHU CUP (male involvement in HIV/AIDS prevention through sports) activity in East Africa has been drawn up by Bill Rau. Bill has also been contracted to prepare several impact reviews for components of the SANA project. Impact reviews on additional activities are also being planned.

2. Support the development of an AFR/SD Strategy and/or Results Package for capacity building

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings held
- RP developed
- TA for the implementation of selected activities provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Duale Sambe and Dr. Suzanne Prysor-Jones prepared some power point slides for Dr. Hope Sukin's presentation on human resource management issues at the SOTA course. SARA is looking to identify a consultant to prepare a discussion paper on public health workforce at leadership levels in Africa.

3. Technical support for the CRHCS/ECSA approach to monitoring and evaluation of PHN policy changes in eastern and southern Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Policy M&E manual and tools developed and disseminated
- TA for advocacy and monitoring policy implementation

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Some feedback from reviewers was obtained this quarter but SARA is still awaiting CRHCS comments.

4. Production and dissemination of manual on qualitative research

Expected Outputs:

- Manual produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This document, *Qualitative Research for Improved Health Programs*, continues to be requested by many different organizations. It has also been displayed at several conferences that have generated orders, such as PHN SOTA, IMCI meeting, etc. A draft French translation has been completed.

5. Technical support to CERPOD for the development of a self-evaluation guide

Expected Outputs:

- TA provided
- Manual produced and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Following revision of this guide based on information from the field test, it was distributed to a number of Francophone experts in evaluation for technical review. Comments were due in July. In addition, the training manual, which had been developed by the CERPOD consultant, has also been revised to incorporate more practical, action-oriented activities into the training. However, since the self-evaluation guide may require further revision, based on the expert review, that would require further revision to the training manual. In addition, Anne LaFond of Measure 2 and Lonna Shafritz, SARA Dissemination Specialist, met in June with Suzanne Reier, COP of the JSI bi-lateral project, to discuss ways to integrate this manual into the Malian health information and evaluation system.

6. Support CESAG linkages with other institutions for dissemination and training in health management

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

CESAG is going ahead with planning the second regional course on evaluation methods in conjunction with Measure II. Suzanne Prysor-Jones met with Dr. Erin Eckert and Dr. Leontine Gnassou on this work. CESAG is recruiting for 3 positions in the health economics department. Its Director, Mme. Laurence Codjia, is planning to go to Guinea to visit the COPE for child health initiative. And Dr. Gnassou is hoping to participate in a QAP regional training in Niamey next quarter. In addition, Dr. Prysor-Jones visited CESAG in May and met the new CESAG Director General. The institution seems a bit steadier at this point and the health department is to become an autonomous institute. Laurence Codjia expressed interest in CESAG playing a lead role in training Francophone facilitators and developing case studies on human resources issues in West Africa. However, Mme. Codjia is also somewhat unsure of her future at the institution.

7. Organize an issues identification process on health financing and health sector reform priorities in Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings organized
- Literature reviewed
- Issues paper drafted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

8. Support the planning of CORE consultative meeting on education and health linkages

Expected Outputs:

- Working group meetings organized
- TA provided for agenda and background materials development

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Dr. Yolande Miller-Grandvaux, Dr. Suzanne Pryor-Jones and Micheline Nturu held a meeting to discuss ideas for collaboration on school education and health activities and priorities of AFR/SD/HR. More activities are expected next quarter.

9. Development of capacity, agenda, and strategy for health systems research in Francophone Africa

Expected Outputs:

- Networking meetings held
- Materials translated and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No major activity this quarter.

10. Participation at the REDSO/ESA-sponsored Quality of Care Conference, February 2000

Expected Outputs:

- Resource persons provided for selected roundtable sessions at the conference

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed.

<p>11. Promote the twinning of NAPHI member institutions for the development of public health curricula</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA for the development of the twinning framework provided • Framework tested with about 3 schools on one topic <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>12. Development and production of a CD-ROM with relevant literature on management of disasters and complex humanitarian emergencies (CHE)</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant materials collected, reviewed and scanned • CD-ROM produced and disseminated <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>Relevant materials have been collected and reviewed, and are being scanned for the CD-ROM.</p>
<p>13. Development of a training manual for NGOs working on management of disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies, and transition programs</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual developed, tested and produced <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>SARA has initiated a Tulane sub-agreement with JHU School of Public Health Center for the study of Refugees and Migration for the production of the manual.</p>
<p>14. Strengthen selected NAPHI member institutions in the area of training, research and information sharing on management of disasters and CHE</p> <p><i>Expected Outputs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group meeting organized • Action plan developed and implemented, including plan for resource mobilization <p><i>Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:</i></p> <p>No activity this quarter.</p>

15. Management and maintenance of the CERTI website

Expected Outputs:

- Moderation and quality assurance implemented
- Materials posted on website
- Site maintained
- Listserv expanded to include more field people

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The CERTI Website has been redesigned and made more attractive and interactive.

16. Documentation and dissemination of NGO/PVO promising practices in transition interventions

Expected Outputs:

- Study report produced and disseminated
- Briefs on best practices prepared and disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Personal and health problems of consultant Dr. Storms have jeopardized the completion of this activity.

SO: Cross-cutting

Results Package: Dissemination and advocacy

Result ia: Capacity to Advocate

1. Train other regional African institutions in advocacy (ERNWACA/Anglophone & CRHCS)

Expected Outputs:

- Selected African institutions trained

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, the ERNWACA Anglophone advocacy training was conducted in Ghana. (See SO 6, item 2) In addition, SARA supported part of an advocacy training given by CAFS to the human resource and capacity building program at CRHCS in which 30 participants attended from 5 countries. Renuka Bery has been discussing ways to provide advocacy training to the CRHCS technical team as well as the Regional Centre for Quality of Health Care. She has also been encouraging WHO/AFRO to contact CAFS to arrange an advocacy training for the DDC team at AFRO.

2. Provide the Advocacy Guide to groups to use it (African institutions, CAs etc.) on request

Expected Outputs:

- Advocacy Guide provided to selected groups

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

In response to 26 requests, 107 copies of the Advocacy Guide were sent out this quarter; 62 copies of the English version and 45 of the French version.

3. U.S.-based consultative meeting with organizations involved in advocacy in Africa +materials fair

Expected Outputs:

- Consultative meeting and fair held

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This should take place at the end of next quarter. A date in September is being vetted and a final date should be determined soon.

4. Follow-up on the advocacy training to see whether and how the participants have used their skills

Expected Outputs:

- Follow-up completed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Discussions have taken place with both CESAG and CAFS. A strategy has been developed to follow-up with participants. SARA is prepared to provide some seed funding for this activity in order to get it moving faster.

5. Develop materials to improve the use of advocacy guide, e.g., one-day training guide

Expected Outputs:

- Materials Developed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

No activity this quarter.

Result ib: Capacity to Disseminate Information

6. Work closely with CRHCS to develop strategy to reintegrate centers. Work with new CRHCS info staff person to strengthen program as necessary

Expected Outputs:

- Centers re-integrated
- Program strengthened as needed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery continues to be in contact with CRHCS. The organization has had limited funding in the past 6 months, but remains committed and is seeking ways to involve the IDCs to ensure that momentum is not lost. Ms. Bery has kept CRHCS up-to-date on the activities of individual IDCs that she has visited. In addition, she has encouraged CRHCS to submit an abstract to the AHILA 7 conference in September to bring together several IDC coordinators and the Secretariat to share the IDC model at the conference.

7. Work with African institutions to build capacity in repackaging information. Possible activities include workshop, training, etc through e.g. CERPOD, CRHCS

Expected Outputs:

- Increased capacity of African institutions to repackage information

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Late this quarter, Renuka Bery met with HealthLink International in London and discovered that they are finalizing a training course on repackaging. Ms. Bery discussed possibly testing this with CRHCS or other African institutions early in the new year (2001). This activity would be a joint one and would enable SARA to collaborate with HealthLink.

8. Assist African institutions in repackaging information on an as needed basis.

\$ CRHCS
\$ CERPOD
\$ Others

Expected Outputs:

- Information repackaged

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, SARA assisted CRHCS in repackaging the report from the DJCC meeting. A five-page summary was developed as well as a two-page summary of recommendations. These were distributed at the International AIDS meeting in Durban early in the last quarter.

9. Collaborate with other USAID Projects (e.g. BASICS, Horizons, Synergy, Measure) to improve their dissemination on priority AFR/SD issues on request

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected projects

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has continued to work with BASICS on several issues, particularly in providing input into developing an advocacy activity for neonatal health. In addition, SARA has met with Pop Council/Frontiers, NGO Networks and JSI/SEATS projects to discuss different ways to repackage and disseminate the information coming from the investments made by AFR/SD/HR in reproductive health. SARA has also been in contact with SFPS but has not provided recent feedback.

10. Collaborate with other African Institutions (e.g. RATN, RESAR, CESAG, WHO/AFRO, Makerere, AMREF, HST, FAWE, NARESA, ERNESA) to improve their dissemination on priority AFR/SD issues

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination of priority issues improved for selected institutions

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Renuka Bery provided technical assistance to the Regional Centre for Quality of Health Care on dissemination and advocacy and developed a dissemination strategy and work plan. Ms. Bery also discussed the possibility of developing an electronic discussion group with FAWE on education issues. She has also been in regular communication with WHO/AFRO on moving forward on a dissemination plan as well as giving feedback on current dissemination activities or opportunities. In particular, Ms. Bery has been working closely with CDC and WHO/AFRO on generating a dissemination plan for the Laboratory manual.

SARA, through ACI, has worked closely with CEFORP to repackage the EOC studies and assist in identifying a targeted dissemination strategy.

11. Develop series of Dissemination Briefs to assist projects and African institutions in developing and carrying out a dissemination strategy

Expected Outputs:

- Dissemination briefs developed
- Dissemination strategy developed and implemented

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, the dissemination team has continued to discuss the briefs, but they have not been written as of yet.

12. Monitor CERPOD's activities with dissemination centers and assist in ensuring activities are progressing

Expected Outputs:

- Activities monitored
- Technical assistance provided as needed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Attempts were made to contact CERPOD this quarter, but SARA has not had any concrete responses about the dissemination centers in the various countries. More concerted efforts will be made in the next quarter to follow-up on this activity.

Result ic: Capacity to Communicate Electronically**13. Provide connection fees and training to African institutions*****Expected Outputs:***

- Selected African institutions on-line with e-mail and Internet access

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This quarter, the nutrition Focal Point in Cote-d'Ivoire completed his connection and is now on the internet. There are no others pending for the moment.

14. Link African institution personnel to e-communication opportunities

\$ MOH ministers in ECSA region through CRHCS

\$ CERPOD dissemination center staff

Expected Outputs:

- Selected personnel linked to opportunities

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has been discussing this activity with CRHCS, which is very interested. The information specialist at CRHCS sent a list of names and addresses of potential focal points to link into this network and these have been passed on to the Leland team at USAID. Renuka Bery also visited the director general of health services in Uganda to share this idea and to find out what Uganda is planning with respect to electronic communication.

As mentioned above (item 10, this section), discussions were initiated with Fawe to start an electronic discussion group on education issues. Fawe is to send SARA a proposal for an activity to start in FY 2001.

Result iia: Materials Development and Production

15. Design and package information in appropriate formats (books, syntheses, executive summaries, e-notes, policy briefs/brochures, tools). Current documents in production include:

- \$ Manual on Qualitative Manuals (English and French)**
- \$ Training guide for *Making a Difference to Policies and Programs* (French)**
- \$ Policy manuals for CRHCS**
- \$ CRHCS program Briefs (Printing)**
- \$ Self-evaluation Manual (English and French)**

Expected Outputs:

- Selected information designed and packaged

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

The Manual on Qualitative Manuals has been disseminated quite widely in English and is often requested. It is being translated into French and should be finalized and printed next quarter. It has been converted to a web format and posted on the AFR/SD web site. The training guide for Making a Difference is being distributed in French as well as in English. Progress is being made on the self-evaluation manual in French and a training guide is also being further developed to accompany it. We hope that this will be finalized next quarter, but may take more time as CERPOD is involved. SARA produced the IMCI Advocacy brochure and will produce a version in French. Demand is high and SARA will reprint the English next quarter.

A total of three e-notes were submitted to AFR/SD/HR this quarter. E-note #36 on TB was converted to HTML and posted to the AFR/SD/HR web site. In addition, at least three documents were converted and posted on the AFR/SD/HR web site.

16. Reprints needed of following documents

- \$ Making the Internet Connection Count (French)**
- \$ Advocacy Guide (French)**
- \$ Making a Difference to Policies and Programs (English)**

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

This activity is completed.

7. Dissemination of key cross-cutting products as requested, e.g.:

- \$ Introduction to Advocacy**
- \$ Influencing Policies & Programs**
- \$ Making the Connection Count**
- \$ Knowledge Utilization**

Expected Outputs:

- Products disseminated

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

- *Advocacy Guide*: In response to 26 requests, 107 copies of the Advocacy Guide were sent out this quarter; 62 copies of the English version and 45 of the French version.
- *Influencing Policies and Programs*: In response to 21 requests, 166 copies were sent out this quarter, 157 copies of the English version and 9 of the French version.
- *Making the Internet Connection Count*: In response to 16 requests, 88 copies were sent out this quarter, 25 copies of the English version and 63 of the French version.
- *Knowledge Utilization*: In response to 1 request, 1 copy was sent out this quarter.

18. Assessments of Use of AFR/SD-SARA products (2 documents per year)

- **Time to Act and Advocacy guide**
- **Research Guide and AIDS Briefs**

Expected Outputs:

- Use of documents assessed & presentation given

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Lonna Shafritz presented the results of the 22 Questions analysis to AFR/SD/HR in June to show the approach used as well as the results.

Questionnaires have been sent out to bulk users of the advocacy guide and a number of responses have been received. Analysis of the information is scheduled to be completed shortly. Information will start to be gathered for *A Time to Act* next quarter and we hope to have it completed and analyzed by the end of FY 2000.

Result iib: Dissemination Channels

19. Mail documents to targeted mailing list

Expected Outputs:

- Documents mailed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

2878 documents were sent out this quarter, including requests. 257 requests were filled for 2812 documents. 163 records were added to the SARA Mailing List Database.

In addition, this quarter SARA has begun the task of updating all the sectoral mailing lists. These should be completed next quarter.

20. Redesign and maintain Website with relevant information and publications/publication information

Expected Outputs:

- Website redesigned

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Web page redesign began for Child Survival, Maternal Health and Health Sector Reform, HIV/AIDS, Maternal Health and Polio. The revised USAID/AFR/SD/HR web site should be launched in the next quarter.

21. Promote information through various listservs (AFRONETS, ReproHlth, WB, AHILANet)

Expected Outputs:

- Information promoted

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Assisted Sustainable Approaches to Nutrition in Africa (SANA) Project's West African field advisor in establishing a "Nutrition Electronic Forum [listserv]." The dissemination specialist position was posted on various listservs and web sites. Several documents, including Qualitative Research Guide were publicized on several listservs.

22. Develop an electronic conference (with some SO Team)

Expected Outputs:

- Electronic conference developed with selected team

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

As mentioned above (this section, item 10), discussions were initiated with FAWE to start an electronic discussion group on education issues. FAWE is to send SARA a proposal for an activity to start in FY 2001.

23. Explore new activities such as CD-ROMS and listservs. Assess whether SARA should put something together for a CD-ROM. Explore whether a listserv like AFRO-NETS for health exists for education. Monitor CERTI CD-ROM activity

Expected Outputs:

- New activities of this nature identified, including whether SARA should do CD-ROM
- AFRO-NETS-like listserv for education identified if one exists
- CERTI CD-ROM activity monitored

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Soe Lin Post, SARA Electronic Applications Specialist, met with AED's IT Network Administrator to discuss establishing a listserv forum. Information on how to run an electronic forum was acquired and used to assist SANA as indicated in item 21 above.

Result iic: User Needs

24. Identify information for decision makers

Expected Outputs:

- Information identified

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

Plans to conduct analysis of decision-makers' needs are under discussion. Key factors are methodology and who to conduct this analysis.

25. Analyze tracking information on major SARA publications

Expected Outputs:

- Information analyzed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

During the dissemination team's presentation to AFR/SD in June, tracking information for the second quarter was presented. This information is available on request. For tracking of major publications for the third quarter, see Item 17 above.

Result 3: Dissemination and Advocacy Activities Incorporated into AFR/SD SOs

26. Provide TA to all AFR/SD teams to ensure that RPs have dissemination & advocacy built into activities

Expected Outputs:

- TA given & dissemination & advocacy activities reviewed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

SARA has continued to provide dissemination and advocacy assistance to various core teams. Those that have met this quarter include reproductive health, malaria/ID, education, nutrition, HIV/AIDS and polio.

27. SO Team Core Group Dissemination Activities (cross-referenced)

SO6- Education

Design and Print DHS Profiles

Education/AIDS workshop in Africa

Repackaging and production of Impact Sheets

ERNWACA Anglophone Advocacy Workshop

Expected Outputs:

- DHS profiles designed & printed
- Education/AIDS workshop organized
- Impact Sheets repackaged and produced
- ERNWACA anglophone advocacy workshop organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 6 above.

SO7- Malaria/Infectious Diseases

Production, translation, and printing of Malaria docs

Expected Outputs:

- Per Table

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 7 above.

SO7- Nutrition/child survival

Design and Printing of Nutrition Briefs

Collaboration on IMCI modules

Production and Printing of HIV formative Research in SA

Production and printing of HIV and nutrition paper

Expected Outputs:

- Nutrition Briefs designed & printed
- HIV Formative Research in South Africa produced and printed
- HIV and nutrition paper produced and printed

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 7 above.

SO8-Population and Reproductive Health

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 8 above.

SO9-HIV/AIDS

Production and printing of Community Mobilization Paper?

Production and printing of Ishrat's paper

Collation of Briefing packets

Other Sectoral workshops

Expected Outputs:

- Community Mobilization paper produced & printed
- Ishrat's paper produced & printed
- Briefing packets collated
- Sectoral workshops organized

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 9 above.

SO10- Crisis Prevention

Expected Outputs:

- TBD

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SO 10 above.

SPO 2 - Polio Eradication

Continue assisting WHO/AFRO on dissemination and Advocacy

Expected Outputs:

- Assistance provided

Progress toward outputs, problems encountered, proposed solutions:

See information under SPO Polio above.